

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 6 as follows:

--The resulting discrepancy in service between p-t-p transmissions and p-t-m transmissions is illustrated in figures 3a and 3b. Figure 3a is a diagram showing an area A in which a mobile station may acquire p-t-p and p-t-m channels in case of a good coverage and/or a high link quality. Figure 3b is a diagram showing a first area A corresponding to the area A of figure 3a. Due to the enabled link adaptation and power control, a mobile station may acquire p-t-p channels throughout this area A even in case of a weak coverage and/or a bad link quality. Figure 3b further shows a second area B, which is considerably smaller than the first area A and which lies within the first area A. In case of a weak coverage and a bad link quality in the area outside of B, a mobile station is only able to acquire ~~p-t-m~~p-t-p channels, while in this reduced area B, both p-t-p and p-t-m channels are available.--